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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/692,234 for METHOD
FOR THE PLANARIZATION OF A SEMICONDUCTOR
STRUCTURE
Our Ref. No. 1406/175

Sir:

Please find enclosed in connection with the subject U.S. patent application the following documents:

1. An Amendment Transmittal Form (2 pages);
2. An Amendment A (10 pages); and
3. A return-receipt postcard to be returned to us with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office filing stamp thereon.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Patentitioner's Docket No. 1406/175

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Mark Hollatz, Klaus-Dieter Morhard, Alexander Trüby, and Dirk Többen

Application No.: 10/692,234

Group No.: 1765

Filed: 10/23/2003

Examiner: Lan Vinh

For: METHOD FOR THE PLANARIZATION OF A SEMICONDUCTOR STRUCTURE

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is other than a small entity.

EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

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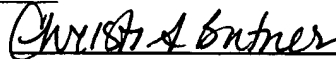
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FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

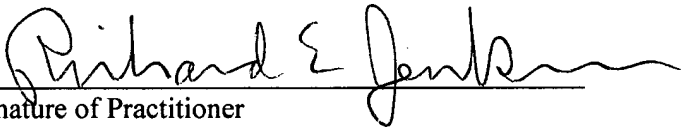
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AMENDMENT A

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Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action dated June 1, 2005, having a term that will expire on September 1, 2005. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested in view of the following Remarks and Amendments.

AMENDMENTS

Please amend the subject application as follows: